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## **CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1, line 58, "increases" should read --increase--.

Column 2, line 52, "bore, fits" should read --bore fits--.

Column 2, line 60, "includes" should read --include--.

Column 3, line 8, "connect" should read --connects--.

Column 5, line 42, "then" should read --than--.

Column 7, line 8, "rod the" should read --rod and the--.

Column 8, line 64, "an second" should read --a second--.

Column 9, line 62, before "17" insert --claim--.

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Column 9, line 66, before "17" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 1, before "17" insert --claim--.

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Column 10, line 3, before "17" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 6, before "25" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 10, before "26" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 15, before "17" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 18, before "17" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 21, before "29" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 23, before "29" insert --claim--. Column 10, line 25, before "31" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 27, before "17" insert --claim--.

Column 10, line 47, after "coupler" insert -- assembly --.

Column 10, line 60, after "at least" insert -- a--.

Column 10, line 63, "are" should read --is--.

Column 11, line 10, "spinal rod" should read --spinal rod,--.

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